

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Please **cancel** claims 1, 2, 8-12 and 15-21 without prejudice.

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) The A panel assembly of claim 1 for a display device, the panel assembly comprising:

a panel; and

a plurality of column spacers formed on the panel for supporting the panel,

wherein the spacers have at least two different heights or at least two different contact areas with the panel, wherein the spacers comprise a plurality of first spacers and a plurality of second spacers having a height lower than the first spacers and having a contact area wider than the first spacers.

4. (Original) The panel assembly of claim 3, wherein the height difference between the first spacers and the second spacers is in a range of about 0.3-0.6 microns.

5. (Original) The panel assembly of claim 3, wherein the second spacers have a length larger than the first spacers by 10-20 microns.

6. (Original) The panel assembly of claim 3, wherein the second spacers have a length in a range of about 30-35 microns and the first spacers have a length in a range of about 15-20 microns.

7. (Original) The panel assembly of claim 3, wherein a concentration of the second spacers is about 200-600/cm² and a concentration of the first spacer is about 250-450/cm².

8 - 12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) A method of manufacturing a liquid crystal panel assembly, the method comprising:

coating a photoresist on a panel;

light-exposing the photoresist through an exposure mask including an opening and disposed on the panel with a first distance;

light-exposing the photoresist through the exposure mask disposed on the panel with a second distance; and

developing the photoresist to form first and second spacers having different heights or different contact areas with the panel.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the photoresist is a negative type.

15 - 21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously presented) A panel assembly for a display device, the panel assembly comprising:

a panel; and

a plurality of column spacers formed on the panel for supporting the panel,

wherein the spacers have at least two different heights and at least two different lengths with the panel.

23. (Previously presented) The panel assembly of claim 22, wherein the spacers comprise a plurality of first spacers and a plurality of second spacers having a height lower than the first spacers and having a length longer than the first spacers.

24. (Previously presented) The panel assembly of claim 23, wherein the height difference between the first spacers and the second spacers is in a range of about 0.3-0.6 microns.

25. (Previously presented) The panel assembly of claim 23, wherein the second spacers have a length larger than the first spacers by 10-20 microns.

26. (Previously presented) The panel assembly of claim 23, wherein the second spacers have a length in a range of about 30-35 microns and the first spacers have a length in a range of about 15-20 microns.

27. (Previously presented) The panel assembly of claim 23, wherein a concentration of the second spacers is about 200-600/cm² and a concentration of the first spacer is about 250-450/cm².

28. (Previously presented) The panel assembly of claim 22, wherein the spacers comprise a first spacer, a second spacer having a height lower than the first spacer, and a third spacer having a height equal to or lower than the second spacer.

29. (Previously presented) The panel assembly of claim 28, wherein the height of the third spacer is equal to the height of the second spacer.

30. (Previously presented) The panel assembly of claim 22, wherein the panel comprises a gate line and a data line transmitting electrical signals, a thin film transistor electrically connected to the gate line and the data line, and a pixel electrode connected to the thin film transistor.

31. (Previously presented) The panel assembly of claim 22, wherein the panel comprises a plurality of color filters having different thicknesses.